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Docket No.: C036226/0127436

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Giampiero VALLETTA) Examiner: Vickie Kim
Serial No.: 10/009,225) Group Art Unit: 1614
Filed: November 7, 2001)

For: **USE OF VITAMIN COMBINATION FOR THE
TREATMENT OF PRURITUS AND NON-INFECTIVE
DISORDERS INVOLVING ITCHING AND/OR INFLAMMATION**

May 20, 2004

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Paper responds to the Office Action mailed February 20, 2004 and setting forth a shortened statutory period of three months for response. This response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before May 20, 2004. 37 C.F.R. §1.8

It is not believed this response occasions any additional fees, but should any be deemed to apply, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 02-4467.

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CONCLUSION

For the reasons heretofore discussed, Applicant submits that the original restriction requirement and election of species demand were made in error and should be withdrawn. Examination should extend to all claims originally presented.

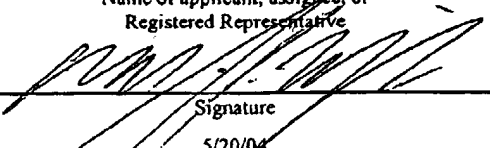
Moreover, the advanced rejections of the elected claims, for the species elected therein, are also demonstrably improper and should be withdrawn.

Favorable consideration and allowance of all claims originally presented, and as added or amended, is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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